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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 26, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Claims begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.